

REMARKS**Response to 35 USC §112 Rejection**

Claim 55 is rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In response to the rejection, Applicants have amended the claim 55 to indicate that specific information on injuries “stored in claims folders and accessible by said server component.” Applicants respectfully submit that the claim is no longer indefinite and respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 USC §112 be withdrawn.

Response to Rejection of Claims under 35 USC §102(e)

Claims 41-46, 52-54, and 56 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Schuler et al. (US Patent 5,855,055, hereinafter “Schuler”). In response to the rejections, Applicants have amended independent claim 22 to more clearly indicate that (i) the system enables an insurance claim to be processed, and (ii) the event processor transmits the event to an identified system component to automatically generate a task to enable the claim to be processed. In particular, Applicants have amended claim 22 to recite:

a server component including a task engine application program that interacts with an event processor to enable said insurance claim to be processed; and

wherein the event processor interacts with the data component to identify data events generated that affect data in the claim folder, identify an appropriate system component to enable said claim to be processed and transmit a data event to the identified system component to automatically generate a task to enable said insurance claim to be processed.

In contrast to Applicants' invention, Schuler relates to insurance underwriting, and is directed to a computer-implemented system for auditing a total exposure of an entity in order to determine the basis of a premium amount to be charged to the entity for an insurance policy. Schuler fails to disclose or suggest an event processor which enables a claim to be processed, and in particular, an event processor which transmits a data event to an identified system component to "automatically generate a task to enable said claim to be processed" as recited in the claim.

Applicants have also added new claims 57-65. Applicants submit that now new matter is added by the amendments. Support for the claims 57-61 can be found on page 138, line 11 through page 158, line 1. Support for the claims 62-65 can be found on page 179, line 6 through page 185, line 27.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the above amendments and remarks, and passage to allowance at the earliest possible date.

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